

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-239-C - ORDER NO. 2004-463
OCTOBER 4, 2004

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an) ORDER GRANTING
Intrastate Universal Service Fund) REQUEST FOR
) CONFIDENTIAL
) TREATMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Request of United Telephone Company (“Sprint”) for this Commission to treat certain materials filed in this matter as confidential. The materials for which confidential treatment are sought are revenue impact statements and Sprint’s cost study. The materials involved were furnished with the Motions/Requests under seal and marked accordingly.

After reviewing Sprint’s Request, we agree with Sprint, and therefore grant its Request for confidential treatment of Exhibit A (revenue impact statements) and Exhibit B (Sprint’s cost study) submitted in support of Sprint’s latest request for funding in this Docket. In today’s competitive environment, we find and conclude that making the information contained in these documents publicly available could give actual and potential competitors an unfair competitive advantage. Further, we have allowed such information to be kept confidential in the past. Accordingly, the material described is declared confidential and shall be afforded confidential treatment.

(SEAL)